GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2102
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PROCUREMENT OF ARTIFICIAL LIMBS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procedure required under CS (MA) Rules for CGHS beneficiaries for procuring artificial limbs;

(b) whether cancer patients after facing amputation in CGHS approved private hospitals/diagnostic centers are required to furnish`Essentiality Certificate` from Specialist Doctors from Government Hospitals for procuring artificial limb;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the list of all approved Government Hospitals from where such certificates could be procured;

(d) whether there have been instances where sanction was conveyed without insisting upon essentiality certificate;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the number of such cases from 1.1.2000 to 31.1.2003; and

(f) the measures being taken by the Government to remove such disparity?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Permission to the CGHS beneficiaries for purchasing artificial appliances including artificial limbs is granted as per Govt. approved ceiling rates on the basis of the advice by the Govt. Specialist.

In case the Govt. Rehabilitation specialist/Orthopedic Surgeon (not below the level of consultant) advises an item not included in the list of Govt. approved applicances, the permission in such cases is granted as under:

(i) For items costing below Rs.2000/-, the same can be purchased without any quotation.

(ii) For items costing above Rs.2000/-, prior permission from the Addl. Director of the concerned CGHS city is to be obtained.

(iii) Requests for new and expensive items are considered by the Govt. on a case-to-case basis.

(b): CGHS beneficiaries suffering from Cancer and advised artificial limb by the Govt. specialist are duly granted permission by the CGHS as per procedure indicated in (a) above.

(c): The specialist (in the relevant field) of the Govt. hospitals throughout the country can advise artificial limb/appliance to the CGHS beneficiary.

(d): No, Sir.

(e)&(f): In view of (d) above, the questions do not arise.